

NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL – by John Mott

After eleven and a half years I am handing over the editorship of the Newsletter to Viv Rees. (Her contact number, address and email are at the end of this Newsletter.

I have enjoyed being the editor, particularly as I've met and been in contact with so many villagers. However, it is well past time for a new approach and greater expertise. Each year in February I have thanked the printer, the distributors, the contributors and all those who have helped. I am sure Viv will continue to have your support.

RECTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE

Well we are now nearing the end of our period of Lent and fast approaching our Easter celebrations – I do hope you felt able to either give something up, or better still start something new, in honour of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us all and which we will focus on over the next few weeks.

2012 is a fantastic year to be British – we have the Queen's 60th Jubilee celebrations, the Olympics and Leicester City being promoted to the Premier League (well maybe not this one!).

Locally, we are blessed with having some wonderful communities with very dedicated people who constantly amaze me with their love for us all and their willingness to 'go the extra mile' for somebody in need.

The many acts of kindness and generosity that we all share in are the epitome of God's love being worked out in our lives and are at the core of the sacrifice that Jesus made.

So, as we approach Easter, lets join together to acknowledge that God is pure love and we, as his creation, are actually designed to feel that love and to share it with each other and may I invite you to venture through the doors of your local church and to join with me and my many friends and colleagues in saying thank you to God for giving us his Son, Jesus Christ, who has risen to new life so that we can live our lives in their fullest sense.

Happy Easter.

Rev'd Mark

GOOD FRIDAY – 6th April at St Etheldreda Church, Guilsborough from 2 – 3.45 pm - a fun afternoon, Full of surprises, for all the family with **all kinds of special** experiences. And in the evening at **6pm, Hayden's "Seven Last Word's of Christ"** performed by The Northern Quartet Ensemble accompanied by the Church Choir.

VILLAGE HALL AGM - Wednesday 11th April at 7.45pm. All are welcome to hear the latest village hall news.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AGM – After the service on Sunday 22nd April at about 10.30am. All are welcome. **There are some major changes coming up and your support and opinions are very important.**

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held on Wed 25th April 8.00 at the village hall. The usual reports and 'Neighbourhood Plans' will be on the agenda. **All are welcome to come and voice their opinions and any concerns.**

JUBILEE STREET PARTY – Please do not forget to reply to the VH letter straight away regarding celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We really do need to know numbers for the Street Party so plans can be made.

Don't forget all are welcome to help us make this a really special Village party.

We are very grateful for the offers of help we have received already **but the more help we get the easier for us all.**

VILLAGE HALL LUNCH DATES -18th April, 16th May and 20th June. All lunches at 12.30 for 1.00pm. Bookings should be made to Lin Hudson on 770562 or Pat Foss on 770466.

The Village Hall Committee regrets that we have decided that village teenage party bookings will only be accepted with a returnable deposit of £100 being taken. Also, party bookings from non village persons will only be taken after a committee decision.

Doreen Ellen James, formerly of Scott Close, Ravensthorpe, passed away peacefully on 9th March, aged 85 yrs. She had moved to Ravensthorpe with her late husband Eddie after his retirement in 1993. She was very happy here for many years before moving to Somerset to live with her daughter following Eddie's death last June.

LENT LUNCHESES – Many thanks to the hostesses of the five Lent Lunches - Ann Fowler, Susie Pasley-Tyler, Thalia Pike, Gill Douglas & Tricia Freeman. The funds raised will be split between St. Denys Church and a charity of the hostesses' choice.

CHURCH FETE – **Sunday, 5th August at Torch Hill Farm.** Plans for this event are going well. Two bands will entertain us. There will be over 20 stalls as well as all the usual games and competitions. Offers of help will be gratefully received and **it's not too early for good bric-a-brac** to be collected. Helpers contact Colin on 770667.

VILLAGE SHOW – Please note that there is a small change to the Schedule issued last month relating to Item 36. - Hand-made Craft Item on the theme “The Diamond Jubilee” this entry has been moved to section E and is now open for both Children and Adults to enter. Details of the amendment and the revised Schedules are available in the post office

To help cover the cost of the show we are still looking for supporters that can provide some sponsorship. If you can help us please contact Liz Ellison by E-mailing Liz Ellison at ellisonthomas10@yahoo.com or by phone on 01604 770463 In addition we will be holding a Raffle to help raise the funds needed to put on the show, and so if you have any spare raffle prizes to donate please give them to Carol Pate at 57 High Street Ravensthorpe

The seeds and potatoes for the children's best SUNFLOWER and the POTATO IN A POT competitions are still available from Liz Ellison.

GUILSBOROUGH PRE-SCHOOL are happy to announce that, from Tuesday 17th April, they will be increasing their opening hours. They will now be open from 9.15am to 3.15pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 9.15am to 12.15pm on Friday (during term time). If you are interested in your child starting at Guilsborough Preschool after Easter or in September then please contact Amanda on 01604 740761 or amanda.gps@btinternet.com

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday 19th April -8pm.

“Assert Yourself” by Mo Shapiro

Hostesses : Jean Wiseman & Brenda Ball. New members and visitors welcome.

It is not too late to make a donation for Easter Lilies to decorate the Church on Easter Sunday. Contact Yvonne Reeve, 33 Scott Close, Ravensthorpe. Tel: 770408

CHURCH SERVICES		ALTAR FLOWERS & BRASS ROTA	
Sunday 1 st April	8.30 am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion	Lent
Thursday 5 th April	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday	Lent
Friday 6 th April	6.00 pm	Good Friday Service, Guilsborough	Lent
		Haydn's 7 Last Words, Northern Quarter Ensemble	
Sunday 8th April	11.00 am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Easter Lillies
Sunday 15 th April	11.00am	Family Service with Baptism (Beatrice Cooper)	Easter Lillies
Sunday 22 nd April	09.45 am	Holy Communion	Sally Barringer
Sunday 29 th April	10.00 am	Group Service at Cold Ashby	Sally Barringer
Sunday 6 th May	08.30 am	Holy Communion	Lin Hudson

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